(b) whether Government propose to direct the authorities to do away with this nuisance in the Railway Station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Per capita consumption of eggs and poultry meat

1883. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that per capita consumption of eggs and poultry meat is far lower than desired levels in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government are going to take to increase the per capita consumption of these items?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) to (c) The consumption from various animal and vegetable protein sources varies according to differing food habits of the people and hence the consumption requirement of eggs and poultry meat alone cannot be considered exclusively. A number of poultry development programmes are being implemented by the Central and State Governments which have resulted in increased production of eggs and poultry meat. This has also led to increased per capita availability of eggs and poultry meat in the country leading to their increased consumption.

National Poultry Development Board

1884. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to create "National Poultry Development Board" on the lines of the National Dairy Development Board, Tea Board, Coffee Board etc. to give a positive direction for future growth of poultry; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) and (b) A proposal to set up a National Poultry Development Board is under consideration. Details of the proposal have not yet been worked out.

Inadequate assistance to Indira Gandhi Nahar Project

1885. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government are aware that the assistance at present being provided by them for Indira Gandhi Nahar Project in Rajasthan is quite inadequate being on ad-hoc basis and needs to be increased substantially if this major project is to be completed early;

(b) whether central assistance being provided under the Border Area Development Programme for 1991-92 is far less than the allocation made in 1990-91; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor indicating as to the total expenditure incurred so far showing break-up of central expenditure and amount spent from State Plan and what are Government plans to expedite completion of above project at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) The Indira Gandhi Nahar Project is being executed by the Government of Rajasthan under it's State Plan. Central assistance is given to the State in the form of block loans and grants and is not tied to any particular Sector or development or project.

(b) In 1990-91 an amount of Rs. 28.60 crores was released for the project under Border Area Development Programme while for 1991-92 an amount of Rs. 27.80 crores has been earmarked of which Rs 8.34 crores has already been released.